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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE: RESOLUTIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. AS THE WATER CONFERENCE APPROACHES CONCLUSION, CONCENSUS
OF ALL COUNTRIES HAS DEVELOPED AROUND TWO BROAD RESOLUTIONS
DEALING WITH (A) INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND (B) FINANCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS (TEXTS BELOW). USDEL PARTICIPATED IN PROTRACTED
CONTACT GROUP NEGOTIATIONS OF THESE RESOLUTIONS AND DID
UTMOST TO SECURE THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS, ACTING FULLY IN
CONCERT WITH OUR WESTERN ALLIES. THE RESOLUTIONS LARGELY
EMPLOY BROAD AND GENERAL LANGUAGE IN THE NATURE OF SYMBOLIC
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GOALS, NOT COMMITMENTS. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INCLUDED, USDEL BELIEVES THEY ARE
ACCEPTABLE, SINCE THEY INVOLVE AREAS IN WHICH THE US
IS ALREADY COVERED (FOR REASONS SET FORTH BELOW).
MORE IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL NOT
REPEAT NOT CALL FOR A NEW INSTITUTION OR A NEW FUND,
DESPITE INITIAL STRONG G-77 PRESSURES IN THAT DIRECTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CONFERENCE HAS PROJECTED A POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE TONE WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF SUBSEQUENT NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS ELSEWHERE. IN SHORT, TO GAIN A MILE (ELIMINATION OF NEW INSTITUTION OR FUND) THE US HAD TO CONCEDE AN INCH (BROAD GOALS IN FINANCIAL AREA), IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OVERALL POSITIVE THRUST OF CONFERENCE AND ENHANCE ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE NORTH-SOUTH MEETINGS.

2. RESOLUTIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS IN COMMITTEE KK (WHICH FINISHED WORK WEDNESDAY MIDNIGHT) REPRESENTS COMPROMISES WORKED OUT BY CONTACT GROUP AFTER HARD NEGOTIATIONS. SEVERAL TIMES G-77 THREATENED TO BREAK OFF WORK AND GO TO PLENARY WITH ORIGINAL LANGUAGE (INCLUDING FUND). US WORKED SUCCESSFULLY WITH OTHER WEO ALLIES AND EASTERN BLOC NATIONS TO EFFECT MAJOR MODIFICATIONS IN DRAFTS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO ISSUE OF NEW WATER FUND.

3. USDEL SOUGHT ELIMINATION OR QUALIFICATION OF ANY REFERENCE TO "INCREASED FUNDING" FOR THE WATER SECTOR. THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN ALL INSTANCES (SEE OP. PARA 5 OF INSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION AND OP. PARA 2 OF FINANCIAL RESOLUTION), PARTICULARLY SINCE OTHER WEO COUNTRIES STRONGLY URGED US NOT TO PRESS MATTER FOR FEAR OF LOSING EVERYTHING. WEO MEMBERS ALSO BELIEVE LANGUAGE NOT THAT DIFFICULT, SINCE FUNDING IN WATER FIELD ALREADY INCREASING IN ALMOST ALL AREAS, BOTH MULTILATERALLY AND BILATERALLY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. GIVEN THE VERY POSITIVE SPIRIT WHICH HAS BEEN THE HALLMARK OF THE CONFERENCE TO DATE, I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT USEDL BE AUTHORIZED TO JOIN CONSENSUS IN APPROVING EACH OF THESE RESOLUTIONS WITHOUT RESERVATION. IF WE DISSENT, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL STAND ALONE. DELEGATION DOES NOT BELIEVE, IN CAREFUL READING OF THE TEXTS, THAT THESE TO RESOLUTIONS COMMIT THE USG TO ACTIONS IT IS NOT ALREADY UNDERTAKING OR PLANNING, AND THAT, MOREOVER, THE BROAD DRAFTING LANGUAGE ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS PERMITS A WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSES WHICH COULD ENCOMPASS US OBJECTIVES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WORTHWHILE AT THIS POINT TO SACRIFICE THE CONSTRUCTIVE US IMAGE WHICH HAS BEEN CAREFULLY DEVELOPED AT THIS CONFERENCE, AND AT THE SAME TIME, TO DAMPEN THE PERVASIVE FEELING OF COOPERATION, SOLIDARITY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT WHICH NOW EXISTS HERE.

4. CONFERENCE IS ON VERGE OF ADDRESSING THESE TWO

RESOLUTIONS IN PLENARY. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE
THEREFORE YOUR TELEPHONIC RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST
FOR INSTRUCTIONS TODAY.

5. BEGIN TEXT. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS:

THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

RECOGNIZING THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR ACCELERATED
PROGRESS IN THE INVESTIGATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES, AND ITS INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT
FOR EFFICIENT USE;

AWARE OF THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE UN
SYSTEM AT VARIOUS LEVELS TO ASSIST COUNTRIES IN
THEIR ENDEAVOURS TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES;
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RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE AREA OF
COORDINATION WHICH AFFECT THE UNITED NATIONS BODIES
IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR TASKS;
FURTHER RECOGNIZING THE COMPLEMENTARY ROLES OF
GLOBAL AND REGIONAL BODIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM, AND THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS
OUTLINED IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2043 (LXI) OF 5 AUGUST 1976;
DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF
WATER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, IN ITS
CONSIDERATION OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO
GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. THAT AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, SHOULD PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE PLAN OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THIS CONFERENCE ON INTEGRATED WATER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT;

2. THAT FOR THIS PURPOSE, AMONG OTHER MEASURES, STEPS BE TAKEN TO INTENSIFY THE WORK IN THE WATER SECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH, INTER ALIA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRENGTHENING THE SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES TO THESE ORGANS BY ALL UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND BODIES INVOLVED IN THE WATER RESOURCES SECTOR, AND, IF REQUIRED, THROUGH THE CONVENING OF SPECIAL OR SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSIONS;

3. THAT THE PROPOSALS FOR INTERAGENCY COORDINATION PRESENTED TO THE CONFERENCE IN THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATION BOARD BE EXAMINED BY THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS NEXT SESSION WITH A VIEW TO SUBMITTING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION;

4. THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD, TAKING

INTO ACCOUNT THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL, AND THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE REGIONS:

(A) ASSIST THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNED, IN IDENTIFYING INTERSECTORAL SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS AND PREPARING PROGRAMMES;

(B) INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS IN THE WATER SECTOR, AND, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, ENLARGE COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE WATER FIELD AT THE SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL LEVELS;

(C) ASSIGN SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY ON WATER TO AN EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE WITHIN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, OR, IF NECESSARY, CREATE A NEW ONE, AND ESTABLISH OR STRENGTHEN, AS APPROPRIATE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE WATER UNITS IN SECRETARIATS OF THE COMMISSIONS, WHICH WOULD SERVE AS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH;

(D) ESTABLISH AD HOC GROUPS OF EXPERTS, AS AND WHEN NECESSARY, WHO SHOULD PREFERABLY BE DRAWN FROM THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION;

5. THAT, FOR THE PRUPOSES OUTLINED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING, AS NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND THE RELEVANT SECTORS WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE UN.

6. THAT THE COUNTRY LEVEL THE UN-SYSTEM SHOULD, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, INTENSIFY THE COORDINATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END OF TEXT.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE, REALIZING THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE CRISIS THAT MANKIND MAY HAVE TO FACE UNLESS TIMELY ACTION IS TAKEN TO AVERT IT, RECOGNIZING THAT THE PLAN OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE ACTIVITIES AT THE

NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL LEVELS TO AVERT SUCH
A CRISIS,
FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN,
INTER ALIA, WILL REQUIRE MOBILIZATION OF INCREASED
FINANCIAL RESOURCES,
AWARE OF THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION,
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FEASIBILITY STUDY, BASED ON CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS
AND COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, TOWARDS
INCREASING THE FLOW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY
FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT THROUGH EXISTING
ORGANIZATIONS AND PROPOSED MECHANISMS AND TO PRESENT THE
STUDY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND
SESSION, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS
SIXTY-THIRD SESSION;

2. RECOMMENDS THAT ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS
BEMADE TO EXISTING:

(I) ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,
PARTICULARLY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME,
IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ALL DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY THE LEAST DEVELOPED TO MEET
THEIR NEEDS IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMMES RELATED
TO WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT;

(II) BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-
ZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL BANK
FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT BANKS, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF
RESPONSIBILITIES, AND RECOMMENDS THAT THEY EXAMINE THEIR
TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
IMPLICATIONS OF WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH THE
OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS, TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER
CONFERENCE;

4. (SIC) RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT PRIORITY BE GIVEN
TO WATER-RELATED PROJECTS, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND
MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES BASED ON COOPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END OF TEXT.

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